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SUBJECT: USG-GOS BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENT

REFS: (A) STATE 183835, (B) SINGAPORE 3345

1. TAN SONG CHUAN, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF GOS TRADE DEPT, TOLD EMBOFF 8/17 PROPOSED SEPT. 26-29 DATES FOR BILATERAL TEXTILE NEGOTIATIONS ARE ACCEPTABLE. GOSDEL WILL CONSIST OF EITHER TAN OR RIDZWAN DZAFIR, TRADE DEPT. DIRECTOR; AND WONG HONG KING, SENIOR ASST. DIRECTOR OF TRADE DEVELOPMENT SECTION, DEPT. OF TRADE. SEVERAL PRIVATE BUSINESSMEN WILL ACCOMPANY THE DELEGATION AS ADVISORS.

2. TAN SAID HE ANTICIPATES NO MAJOR DIFFICULTIES IN THE NEGOTIATIONS, AND SAID THE GOS WILL ASK FOR "REASONABLE" INCREASES IN MARKET ACCESS IN THE RANGE OF SIX TO TEN PERCENT A YEAR. THE GOS ALSO WANTS SUFFICIENT FLEXIBILITY IN SWITCHING BETWEEN SOME CATEGORIES IN ORDER TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF CHANGING MARKET CONDITIONS AND TASTES, AND NO CUTBACKS IN PRESENT QUOTAS.

3. WE WILL NOTIFY DEPT. PROMPTLY WHEN DELEGATION LIST IS FIRM. ARE THERE ANY SOCIAL PLANS OF WHICH GOS SHOULD BE AWARE?

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4. EMBASSY COMMENT: TAN SEEMED RELAXED ABOUT UPCOMING TALKS, SAYING HE HOPED SUBSTANTIVE NEGOTIATIONS COULD BE HANDLED "IN A DAY OR SO." ALTHOUGH THE TEXTILE INDUSTRY IS IMPORTANT IN SINGAPORE, IT IS NOT A MAJOR ELEMENT IN THE COUNTRY'S GROWTH PLANS, AS SINGAPORE HOPES TO MOVE QUICKLY INTO HIGHER-TECHNOLOGY INDUSTRIES.

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